(b) whether Government have estimated the quantum of such foreign assistance; and

(c) what are the names of the receipient associations and social, cultural, religious and educational organisations and the details of assistance given to them during 1985 and 1986, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of such foreign assistance reported to have been received by these organisations during the last three years is as under:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Amount of Foreign Assistance
1982 . .	233.78
1983 . .	264.22
1984 . .	253.98
1985 .	under compilation

(c) About 10,000 Institutions, Development Authorities and organisations have reported receipt of foreign assistance during the years 1985 and 1986 till date. Due to voluminous nature of work involved it is not feasible to lay this information on the Table of the House.

Hardship faced by Pensioner

1602. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the hardships faced by the pensioners due to the impact of inflation on their pensions and the measures proposed to be taken by Government to remove grievances of the retired Government employees on the account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): Yes, Sir. The Government amended the terms of reference of the Fourth Central Pay Commission to enable an indepth examination of pension structure with a view to having a proper pension policy both for the present and future pensioners. The Commission's report dealing with pension etc. is awaited. In the meantime the Government have sanctioned two instalments of Dearness Relief payable at Consumer Price Index level 624 and 632 with effect from 1.6.1986 and 1.7.1986 respectively.

Issue of Timber Licences in Jammu and Kashmir

1603. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of licences of timber issued to small scale units in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the quantity of timber issued to such units and on what rates;

(c) whether it is a fact that timber has been issued through SIDCO; and

(d) what amount is lying against such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) 565 timber units have been registered by the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

(b) 65,700 cubic feet of timber has been issued to small scale units during the current year at the rates sanctioned for supply of timber to the Government Departments of Jammu and Kashmir, which are fixed quarterly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) None in view of (c) above.